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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lin

Group Art Unit: 1632

Serial No.: 09/873,737

Examiner: Nguyen, D. T.

Filed: June 4, 2001

Docket No.: 180/104/2

For: PURIFIED AND ISOLATED *piwi* FAMILY GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS AND METHODS USING SAME

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AMENDMENT A

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003 (hereinafter, "the Official Action"), having a three-month term for Response that expired on May 13, 2003. A one (1)-month extension of the response period up to an including June 13, 2003, is respectfully requested. Please charge the \$55.00 extension fee for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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